



TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The meeting was held via Zoom teleconference. A digital recording of the meeting is available for listening in SCAG's office.

Attendee List

SCAG Staff:

*Asuncion, John
Barajas, Agustin
Calderon, Karen
Ekman, Annaleigh*

Via Teleconference:

*Acebo, Mervin
Acosta, Brooke
Aljabiry, Muhaned
Anderson, Kelsie
Arellano, Lexie
Bagde, Abhijit
Bade, Rabindra
Brock, Caleb
Cacatian, Ben
Gaschot, Bertrand
Huddleston, Lori
Kalandiyur, Nesamani
Lau, Charles
Lay, Keith
Marroquin, Nancy
Masters, Martha
Miranda, Jude
Moran, Nohemi
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Sun, Lijin
Whiteaker, Warren
Yoon, Andrew*

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Caltrans District 7
Ventura County APCD
Mojave Desert AQMD
LA Metro
CARB
Caltrans District 7
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US EPA Region 9
Caltrans District 8
Caltrans District 8
Caltrans Headquarters
South Coast AQMD
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MEETING SUMMARY

1. CALL TO ORDER AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS

Paul Phan, TCWG Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. April 27, 2021 TCWG Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were deferred to next TCWG Meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. RTP Update

4.1.1. Connect SoCal-2020 RTP/SCS, Amendment #1 Update

Agustin Barajas, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2020 Connect SoCal Amendment No. 1 was being prepared in response to project changes requested by County Transportation Commissions.
- For all six counties in SCAG region, there was a total of 296 modified projects. Revisions included new projects, scope changes, schedule revisions, project cost changes, and cancelled projects.
- SCAG staff had completed required transportation modeling and prepared draft Amendment document.
- The draft Amendment document would be presented to SCAG's Regional Council on July 1, 2021, and then released for a 30-day comment period.
- It was expected that the Amendment would be adopted by SCAG's Regional Council in October 2021 and Federal Conformity Determination in December 2021 or January 2022.

4.2. FTIP Update

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2021 FTIP and 2021 FTIP Amendments #21-01 and #21-02 were approved by FHWA and FTA in April 2021.
- SCAG staff had started working on 2023 FTIP Guidelines.
- 2021 FTIP Amendment #21-03 was under review by Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA.
- 2021 FTIP Amendment #21-04 was in development with scheduled release by end of May 2021
- To address pending conformity lockdown due to EMFAC2017, SCAG staff asked CTCs to submit modeled projects for a modeled 2021 FTIP Amendment and 2023 FTIP by early July 2021.
- SCAG staff sent a memo to and met with staff of CTCs regarding implications of EMFAC2017 implementation.

4.3. US EPA Update

Karina O'Connor, US EPA Region 9, reported the following:

- US EPA signed a proposed approval of West Mojave Desert 2008 8-hour Ozone plan on May 4, 2021 (published on May 10, 2021, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-10/pdf/2021-09842.pdf>).
- Comment period for the proposed approval ends on June 9, 2021.

4.4. CARB Update

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, reported the following:

- CARB has completed technical documentation of EMFAC2021.
- The technical documentation is posted on CARB's website: <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/mobile-source-emissions-inventory/msei-modeling-tools-emfac-software-and>.
- CARB would be submitting EMFAC2021 to US EPA for their approval within next two months.



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4.4.1. Draft South Coast PM 10 Transportation Conformity Budgets

Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, presented draft transportation conformity budgets for South Coast AQMD PM₁₀ Second Maintenance Plan (2023-2035).

- South Coast attained national ambient air quality standards for PM₁₀ in July 2013.
- Proposed transportation conformity budgets were established for ROG, NO_x, PM₁₀ for 2023, 2031, and 2035; developed using EMFAC2017 with travel activity data from SCAG's 2020 Connect SoCal; reflected adjustments for SAFE Vehicles Rule, Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Regulation, and Advanced Clean Truck Regulation; and included vehicular exhaust emission, paved road dust, unpaved road dust, and road construction dust.
- Draft Final 2021 PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan for South Coast Air Basin including the proposed transportation conformity budgets had been posted on SCAQMD's website ([http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-\(sip\)-revisions](http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/clean-air-plans/air-quality-mgt-plan/other-state-implementation-plan-(sip)-revisions)) and on CARB's website (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/2021-south-coast-pm10-maintenance-plan>).
- The South Coast PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan was scheduled for review by CARB's Governing Board in June 2021.

In response to a question, Karina O'Connor, US EPA Region 9, stated that it would more likely take one year for EPA to complete its review of EMFAC2021.

In response to a question, Nesamani Kalandiyur, CARB, confirmed that VCAPCD should expect to use EMFAC2017 to develop its 2015 8-hour Ozone plan because EMFAC2021 would likely not be approved in time.

4.5. Air District Updates

Lijin Sun, SCAQMD, reported that 2022 AQMP Mobile Source Working Group Meetings had been scheduled for Heavy-Duty Trucks, Construction and Industrial Equipment, Ocean-Going Vessels, and Aircraft in early June.

Ben Cacatian, VCAPCD, reported that Alan Ballard, Supervising Air Quality Specialist for Emission Inventory and Forecasting, had retired and VCAPCD was in process of hiring to fill that position.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

- 5.1. Request for Questions re. Anticipated Conformity Lockdown post EMFAC2014 Grace Period
Karen Calderon, SCAG, reported that no questions had been received for Anticipated Conformity Lockdown post EMFAC2014 Grace Period discussed at April 27, 2021 TCWG Meeting, and reminded that questions were due to her via email by May 31, 2021.

Lucas Sanchez, Caltrans Headquarters, added that Caltrans had been receiving questions and announced another Interagency Coordination Meeting between Caltrans, SCAG, and San Joaquin Council of Governments staff on June 16, 2021.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. The next TCWG meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 via teleconference and Zoom meeting only.